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**EXAMINER'S ANSWER** 

This is in response to the appeal brief filed October 12, 2005, appealing from the Office action mailed March 14, 2005.

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# (1) Real Party in Interest

A statement identifying the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

#### (2) Related Appeals and Interferences

A statement identifying the related appeals and interferences that will directly affect, be directly affected by, or have a bearing on the decision in the pending appeal, is contained in the brief.

#### (3) Status of Claims

A statement of the status of the claims is contained in the brief.

#### (4) Status of Amendments after Final

No amendment to the claims has been filed.

#### (5) Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

The summary of Invention contained in the brief is correct.

#### (6) Ground of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

The appellant's statement of the grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal is correct.

#### (7) Claims Appealed

The copy of the appealed claim contained in the Appendix to the brief is correct.

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# (8) Evidence Relied Upon

The following is a listing of the evidence (e.g., patents, publications, Official Notice, and admitted prior art) relied upon in the rejection of claims under appeal.

Number	Name	<u>Date</u>
6,526,529	Miksovsky et al. (Miksovsky hereinafter)	6-1999
6,585,778	Hind et al. (Hind hereinafter)	8-1999

### (9) Grounds of Rejection

#### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
- 2. The Office withdraws the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U. S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Praitis et al. (Pat. No. US 6,594,697) in view of Bridgman et al. (Pat. No. 6,523,062).

Applicant's arguments that pertain to this rejection, therefore, is not addressed.

3. Claim 1 stand rejected under 35 U. S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miksovsky in view of Hind.

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In reference to **claim 1**, Miksovsky shows a method for generating error messages in a web based application (See Fig. 2 for the Internet ("web") and a client application.), said method comprising the steps of:

searching said application for a predetermined error number [See step 86 in Fig. 3 of Miksovsky]

retrieving an error message corresponding to said error number [See lines 1-29, column 6 in Miksovsky for retrieving an error message using an error code ("error number")];

applying said error message to a text based format in a text form [See in Miksovsky, from line 64, column 6 to line 12 in column 7, which shows how an error message is "applied" in a text form. See Figs. 5A-5C]; and

displaying said error form on a requesting device [See step 74 in Fig. 3 of Miksovskky].

However, Miksovsky does not teach applying a style sheet to error message to form a given message format.

Hind discloses a method of applying *input message document to a style sheet to form a* given message format, but does not explicitly teach that the type of message must be an error message. [See Abstract, Fig. 7. See also lines 19-50 in column 7]

Hind applies input message document in order to adapt the appearance of the input message to be shown on a client device having limited screen size and particular display capability. See lines 37-45, column 8.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the method of Miksovsky with the teachings of Hind to enhance Miksovsky to form

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error messages based on style sheets, as suggested in Hind, in order to accommodate various client device capabilities [See lines 37-45 in column 8 of Hind for format message to suit screen size of the document].

#### (10) Response to Arguments

Applicant's argument is that the combination of Miksovsky and Hind does not teach or suggest applying an error message to a style sheet in an error form as recited by claim 1.

Miksovsky teaches formatting *an error message* [See from line 64, column 6 to line 35 in column 7 of Miksovsky].

Hind discloses a method of applying a message to a style sheet [See Abstract, Fig. 7. See also lines 19-50 in column 7 of Hind]

Hind shows the reason for applying any message (e.g., error message) to a style sheet: applying a message to a style sheet enables one to properly display the message on variety of client devices, each with different capabilities. See lines 37-45, column 8.

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For the reasons above, it is believed that the rejection should be sustained.

Respectfully Submitted,

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